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In re Application of) Group Art Unit: Unknown
Jones et al.)
Serial No.: 10/576,331)
Filed: April 18, 2006)
For: SERINE PROTEASES, NUCLEIC)
ACIDS ENCODING SERINE)
ENZYMES AND VECTORS AND)
HOST CELLS INCORPORATING)
SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the application submitted herewith as follows.

Instructions for amendments to the Claims begin on page 2, the Remarks section is on page 21, and the Conclusion is on page 22. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov.29, 2000)

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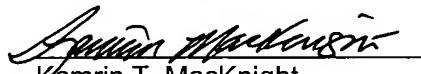
Enclosed is the following document:

1. Preliminary Amendment (22 pages).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1048, referencing Attorney Docket No. GC819-2-US/B. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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